

16. (New) A conveyor for flowable particulate material of the tobacco processing industry, comprising a duct defining a path for the flowable material and having walls bounding said path, at least one of said walls consisting at least in part of a ceramic material and another of said walls having a portion of a conveyor belt arranged to advance particulate material along said path,

A<sup>3</sup> the walls further including a third wall confronting said at least one wall and being disposed at one side of said portion of said belt, said third wall consisting at least in part of a ceramic material,

wherein said duct includes two additional walls disposed at the other side of said portion of said belt and providing tracks for said portion of said belt, and

wherein at least one of said additional walls has substantially trapeziform projections abutting said other side of said portion of said belt.

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